

# LOUISIANA



## Veterans Benefits & Directory of Services



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## A BRIEF GUIDE FOR RECENTLY DISCHARGED VETERANS

Honorable service in the US Armed Forces entitles you to a number of benefits from the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and, in certain cases from the State of Louisiana. The purpose of this guide is not to provide you with detailed information on the multitude of benefits available, but to give you some key points to get you started in the right direction.

### DD FORM 214

Your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty is one of the most important documents you will ever receive and should be kept in a safe place. If at any time you wish to apply for one or more of the veterans' benefits you have earned through your military service, you will be required to submit a copy of your DD-214.

Upon discharge, we strongly recommend that you take your original DD-214 copy 4 to the Clerk of Court Office in the parish courthouse where you reside and have it recorded there. By doing this you will ensure yourself of having a readily accessible copy should the original ever be misplaced or lost by fire, flood, etc.

### SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES

Service connected disability compensation is payable to wartime or peacetime veterans who incur or aggravate a disability while on active military service. Active military service may also include any period of active or inactive duty for training.

Some important things to remember for establishing service connection (SC).

It is the veterans' responsibility to file a claim for SC.

Those on active duty should be advised to get treatment for any injury or illness and request copies of their service medical records.

Claims for SC should be filed immediately following discharge, (if not filed while on Active Duty).

Once SC is established, the VA will provide free medical treatment for the condition(s).

The VA rates disabilities from 0% to 100% disabling, depending upon the severity of the condition(s). If at any time the service connected condition(s) worsen, the veteran may request an increased rating.

### COMPENSATION RATES 2005

10%	20%	20%	40%	50%
\$108.00	\$210.00	\$324.00	\$486.00	\$663.00
60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
\$839.00	\$1050.00	\$1227.00	\$1380.00	\$2299.00

**Any veteran entitled to compensation and whose disability is rated not less than 30% shall be entitled to additional compensation for dependents**

## DEPEDENCY & INDEMNITY COMPENSATON (DIC)

**The monthly rate of DIC payable to a surviving spouse is \$993. the additional allowance payable wherethe veteran was rated totally disabled for at least 8 years prior to death is \$208. For each dependent child under the age of 18 add \$247.**

## VA MEDICAL CARE

Generally speaking, all veterans are eligible to apply for medical treatment at a VA Medical Center. Under the current eligibility criteria, those who do not have any service connected disabilities are subject to a 'Means Test' to determine which Priority Group they fit into and whether or not they will have to make a co-payment for their care.

Important note: Under current eligibility criteria, military personnel who recently served in a combat zone are eligible for free medical care at a VA Medical facility, for a period of two years following discharge from active duty, for certain conditions that 'may be related' to their period of active duty. This does not include medical problems such as a common cold or injuries from an accident which happened after the servicemember was discharged from Active Duty.

## HOME LOAN GUARANTY

VA guaranteed loans are made by private lenders such as banks, savings & loans and mortgage companies. A major advantage of the VA Home Loan Guaranty is that it often eliminates the need for making a large down payment that is generally required in the purchase of a home. To use this program, the veteran must first apply for a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA.

For those who served on active duty after August 2, 1990, to be eligible for this program they must have completed 24 months of continuous active duty **OR** the full period (at least 90 days) for which they were ordered to active duty. Exceptions to the length of service requirements would be those who were discharged earlier for hardship or because of a service connected disability.

## STATE BENEFITS FOR LOUISIANA VETERANS

**Veterans Civil Service Preference**— Provides a five-point preference in original appointments to persons honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States who served during wartime, or in a peacetime campaign or expedition if a campaign badge or expeditionary medal is authorized. Ten point preference in original appointments are accorded each honorable discharged veteran who served in either war or peacetime and has one or more service connected disabilities established with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Dependents Education Benefits** – Provides financial aid for children and surviving spouses of certain veterans of this state who died in service or died from a service-connected disability incurred during a wartime period. Provides the same benefit for those children of living veterans who are rated 90% or above disabled, including 100% individual unemployability, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Free Hunting and Fishing License**—Provides disabled veterans classified with a service connected permanent disability, rated 50% or higher and who are Louisiana residents, to be issued licenses to fish and hunt free of charge

**Free entrance to State Parks**—Provides that any resident who is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has suffered the amputation of a limb or has been classified 50% or more permanently disabled or totally disabled as a result of non-service connected disabilities shall be exempt from paying the day use fee to any Louisiana state park.

## **WHO CAN YOU CALL FOR ANSWERS AND ASSISTANCE?**

In Louisiana, each Parish has a Parish Veterans Service Officer. These individuals serve as the local contact person for our state's veterans and they provide assistance with making proper application for the various benefits and programs that are available for veterans. The majority of these offices are located in the respective parish courthouse. See listing in back of book.

In addition, the Parish Service Officer serves as an advocate for veterans and provides assistance with claims.

## VETERAN'S EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

VA education benefits are authorized to veterans and qualified dependents under specific chapters of Title 38, US Code. Eligibility for benefits can only be determined by the US Department of Veterans Affairs, except with individuals eligible for Chapter 30 or Chapter 1606, Department of Defense determines eligibility. Benefits can be received from only 1 VA educational chapter at a time, even if there is eligibility under multiple chapters. Before benefits can be received the program will need to be approved by the LA State Approving Agency, which is part of the LA Department of Veterans Affairs. The following is a listing of the various chapters and their general eligibility requirements:

### MONTGOMERY GI BILL - ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 30)

This educational entitlement provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans. You may use this education entitlement program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs. Remedial, refresher and deficiency training are available under certain circumstances.

#### Eligibility Requirements

You may be an eligible veteran if you have an honorable discharge, and you have a High School Diploma or GED or, in some cases 12 hours of college credit, and you meet the requirements of one of the categories below:

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#### CATEGORY I

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985
- Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for first 12 months
- Continuously served for 3 years, *OR* 2 years if that is what you first enlisted for, *OR* 2 years if you entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served 4 years ("2 by 4" Program)

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#### CATEGORY II

- Entered active duty before January 1, 1977
- Served at least 1 day between 10/19/84 and 6/30/85, and stayed on active duty through 6/30/88, (or 6/30/87 if you entered Selected Reserve within 1 year of leaving active duty and served 4 years)
- On 12/31/89, you had entitlement left from Vietnam Era GI Bill

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#### CATEGORY III

- Not eligible for *MGIB* under Category I or II
  - On active duty on 9/30/90 *AND* separated involuntarily after 2/2/91,
  - *OR* involuntarily separated on or after 11/30/93,
  - *OR* voluntarily separated under either the Voluntary Separation Incentive (VSI) or Special Separation Benefit (SSB) program
  - Before separation, you had military pay reduced by \$1200
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#### CATEGORY IV

- On active duty on 10/9/96 *AND* you had money remaining in a VEAP account on that date *AND* you elected MGIB by 10/9/97
  - *OR* entered full-time National Guard duty under title 32, USC, between 7/1/85, and 11/28/89 *AND* you elected MGIB during the period 10/9/96, through 7/8/97
  - Had military pay reduced by \$100 a month for 12 months or made a \$1200 lump-sum contribution
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The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DOD put extra money in your *MGIB* Fund (called "kickers"). You usually have 10 years to use your *MGIB* benefits, but the time limit can be less, in some cases, and longer under certain circumstances. **One example would be: If the veteran was ordered to active duty and served the full period to which activated, the veteran would have a new 10 years from the date of the last period of service as long as individual has entitlement remaining.**

### **CHAPTER 30 RATES**

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

#### **MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL OBLIGATED PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY IS MORE THAN THREE YEARS**

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$1004.00	\$753.00	\$502.00
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition and Fees, not to exceed the rate of \$502.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$251.00 for one quarter-time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$1004.00 (Full-Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$1004.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 Months, \$753.00; Second 6 months, \$552.20; Remainder of program, \$351.40		
FLIGHT	Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$1004.00 paid.		

#### **MONTHLY RATES FOR PERSONS WHOSE INITIAL OBLIGATED PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY IS LESS THAN THREE YEARS**

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$816.00	\$612.00	\$408.00
LESS THAN HALF TIME	Tuition and Fees, not to exceed the rate of \$408.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$204.00 for one quarter-time.		
COOPERATIVE	\$816.00 (Full-Time Only)		
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$816.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months, \$612.00; Second 6 months, \$448.80; Remainder of Program, \$285.60.		
FLIGHT	Entitlement Charged at rate of one month for each \$816.00 paid.		

## CATEGORY II/CHAPTER 30 RATES

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

### INSTITUTIONAL RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.

TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FULL-TIME	\$1192.00	\$1228.00	\$1259.00	\$16.00
THREE-QUARTER TIME	\$894.50	\$921.00	\$944.50	\$12.00
HALF-TIME	\$596.00	\$614.00	\$629.50	\$ 8.50
LESS THAN HALF- TIME BUT MORE THAN ONE- QUARTER-TIME	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$596.00.			
ONE-QUARTER TIME	TUITION AND FEES, NOT TO EXCEED THE RATE OF \$298.00.			
COOPERATIVE	\$1192.00	\$1228.00	\$1259.00	\$16.00
CORRESPONDENCE	55% of the approved charges			
FLIGHT	60% of the approved charges			

### JOB TRAINING RATES FOR PERSONS WITH REMAINING ENTITLEMENT UNDER CHAPTER 34 OF TITLE 38, U.S.C.

TIME	NO DEPENDENTS	ONE DEPENDENT	TWO DEPENDENTS	EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT
FIRST 6 MONTHS	\$855.75	\$868.13	\$879.00	\$5.25
SECOND 6 MONTHS	\$608.58	\$617.93	\$625.63	\$3.85
THIRD 6 MONTHS	\$375.20	\$381.33	\$386.05	\$2.45
REMAINDER	\$363.30	\$369.08	\$374.33	\$2.45

## MONTGOMERY GI BILL - SELECTED RESERVE (CHAPTER 1606)

A member of the Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

### Eligibility Requirements

Entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits. You may use this education entitlement program for degree programs, certificate or correspondence courses, cooperative training, independent study programs, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and vocational flight training programs.

Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components.

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after September 30, 1990;
- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT);



- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement;
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit, entitlement ends on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.
- If your Reserve or National Guard unit was deactivated during the period October 1, 1991 through September 30, 1995, or you were involuntarily separated (e.g., reduction in force) from Reserve or National Guard service during this same period, you will retain eligibility for MGIB - SR benefits for the full 14 year eligibility period.
- You will also retain MGIB - SR eligibility if you were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct.
- Your eligibility period may be extended if you are ordered to active duty.
- If your eligibility to this program began prior to October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 10 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.
- If your eligibility to this program began on or after October 1, 1992, your period of eligibility ends 14 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.

## CHAPTER 1606 RATES

### EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>	<u>LESS THAN HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$288.00	\$216.00	\$143.00	\$71.75
COOPERATIVE	\$288.00 (Full-Time Only)			
CORRESPONDENCE	Paid at 55% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$288.00 paid.			
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months, \$216.00; Second 6 months, \$158.40; Remainder of program, \$100.80			
FLIGHT	Paid at 60% of the approved charges for the course. Entitlement charged at rate of one month for each \$288.00 paid.			

## CHAPTER 1607 - OVERVIEW OF PROVISIONS

**Purpose of Chapter 1607** – Chapter 1607 provides educational assistance to members of the reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operations) as declared by the President or Congress.

*Note: "Contingency operations" as defined in title 10 U.S. Code means "military operations that are designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against opposing military force; or results in the call or order to, or retention on active duty of members of the uniformed services under section 688, 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12305, or 12406 of 10 U.S.C., chapter 15 of 10 U.S.C., or any other provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress."*

**Educational Assistance Program Under Chapter 1607** – The Secretaries of each military service, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Homeland Security (for the Coast Guard) will establish this program to provide educational assistance to members of the Ready Reserve.

**Eligibility** – A member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10 U.S. Code for a contingency operation and who serves at least 90 consecutive days or more is eligible for Chapter 1607. National Guard members also are eligible if their active duty is under section 502(f), title 32 U.S.C. and they serve for 90 consecutive days when authorized by the President or Secretary of

Defense for a national emergency and is supported by federal funds. Individuals are eligible as soon as they reach the 90-day point whether or not they are currently on active duty. DoD will fully identify contingency operations that qualify for benefits under Chapter 1607.

Disabled members who are injured or have an illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and are released from active duty before completing 90 consecutive days are also eligible.

**Note 1:** The "reserve components" consist of Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard.

**Note 2:** A "member of a reserve component who serves on active duty" includes persons from the Selected Reserve and the IRR (Individual Ready Reserve). "Contingency operation" does not just mean the current Iraq or Afghanistan operations. DoD will advise VA as to what the authorized contingency operations are. The key issue is: Did a person serve in a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001? Call-up after that date is not necessarily a requirement.

**Benefits Under Chapter 1607.** The educational assistance allowance payable under Chapter 1607 is a percentage of the Chapter 30 3-year rate (Category 1B rate) based on the number of continuous days served on active duty. The full-time rate in the table below is the rate for full-time institutional training under Chapter 1607.

MEMBER SERVES	PERCENTAGE OF 3 YEAR RATE	FULL-TIME RATE FY2005
90 days but less than one year	40%	\$401.60
One year but less than two years	60%	\$602.40
Two years or more	80%	\$803.20

Reduced rates will apply for correspondence, flight, apprenticeship/OJT and licensing and certification training.

*Note: Disabled members released before 90 days are eligible for the 40% rate.*

**Maximum Months of Assistance** – The number of months of entitlement under Chapter 1607 is 36 months. A person could earn 36 months of entitlement after serving the minimum 90 days. The 48-month limitation when combining two or more education programs applies to Chapter 1607. The restoration of entitlement provision applies to members under Chapter 1607 who after they become eligible for Chapter 1607, have to discontinue their education and fail to receive credit for coursework due to call-up.

**Programs** – Approved educational programs under 1607 will include any educational programs approved under Chapter 30 of title 38 U.S.C.

**Written Notification** –The law requires DoD to provide members a written notice summarizing the provisions of Chapter 1607 upon release from active duty. DoD will provide details as to the type of written notice they will provide.

**Bar to Dual Eligibility** – A member may not use the same period of service to qualify for benefits under Chapter 1607 and Chapter 30 of 38 U.S.C. The member must make an irrevocable decision as to which program the service will be credited to.

**Bar to Duplication of Educational Assistance Allowance** – If a member is qualified for Chapter 1607, Chapter 1606 of 10 U.S.C. or Chapters 30, 31, 32 or 35 under 38 U.S.C., or the Hostage Relief Act of 1980, he or she may not receive assistance under more than one program at one time. The member must elect through VA which program of assistance he or she wishes to receive.

**Chapter 1606 Kickers** – The Chapter 1606 kicker will be paid to a member who was otherwise entitled to a Chapter 1606 kicker before call-up and will now receive benefits under Chapter 1607.

**Duration of Entitlement to Chapter 1607** – In the case of a member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Selected Reserve, this person remains entitled under Chapter 1607 by continuing to serve in the Selected Reserve after being released from active duty. In the case of a member called or ordered to active service while serving in the Ready Reserve, this person remains entitled under Chapter 1607 by continuing to serve in the Ready Reserve after active duty. (The latter provision refers to individuals called up from the IRR. To continue to be eligible after their active duty, they must continue to serve in the IRR. However they do not have to continue to serve in the Selected Reserve.)

***Note:*** *There is no fixed delimiting period for persons eligible under Chapter 1607 as there is for all of the other VA education programs. There is one exception: If a member is separated from the Ready Reserve for disability which was not the result of the individual's own willful misconduct, the person is entitled to Chapter 1607 benefits for 10-years after the date of entitlement.*

**Effective Date of Benefits** – Chapter 1607 benefits may be paid before the date of enactment the law. Chapter 1607 benefits are potentially payable from December 9, 2001 (90 days after September 11, 2001) for persons who were serving on a contingency operation on September 11, 2001 and who were in school on December 9, 2001. DoD may provide further guidance as to the retroactive nature of this program.

**Termination of Assistance Under Chapter 1607** – Members receiving assistance under Chapter 1607 will have benefits terminated if they receive financial assistance under section 2107 (ROTC scholarship) of title 10 U.S.C. or when the person separates from the Ready Reserve. This is a permanent termination, but the member could be entitled to a resumption of benefits under chapter 1607 at a later date due to a different qualifying period of service.

**Benefit Note:** – *The above criteria is currently under review and is to be considered as a draft for comments. If an individual wishes to apply for this benefit he/she will need to submit VAF 22-1990 through the respective Parish Service Officer. If the veteran wishes to apply directly to the Department of Veterans Affairs, a completed application should be forwarded to VA Regional Processing Office—St Louis, PO Box 66830, St. Louis, MO 63166-6830, clearly indicating this is an application for Chapter 1607. The application will be retained on file until the final processing criteria is established (a minimum of four to six months).*

## **VA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (CHAPTER 31)**

Veterans and service members who served in the Armed Forces on or after September 16, 1940, are eligible for vocational rehabilitation if three conditions are met:

They suffered a service-connected disability or disabilities in active service which entitle them to at least 20 percent compensation or would do so but for receipt of military retirement pay. Veterans with a 10 percent disability also may be found eligible if they have a serious employment handicap.

They were discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions or are hospitalized awaiting separation for disability.

VA determines that they need vocational rehabilitation consistent with their abilities, aptitudes and interests to overcome an employment impairment. Their service-connected disabilities must materially contribute to this handicap.

Generally, the veteran must complete a rehabilitation program 12 years from the date VA notifies him or her of entitlement to compensation. This period may be deferred or extended if a medical condition prevented the veteran from training for a period or if the veteran has a serious employment handicap.

Disabled veterans may receive services until they have reached their rehabilitation goal, but the duration of a rehabilitation program generally may not exceed 48 months. VA may provide counseling, job placement and post-employment services for an additional period not to exceed 18 months. A disabled veteran will be given an evaluation to establish entitlement. A disabled veteran may receive employment assistance, self-employment assistance, training in a rehabilitation facility, and college and other training. Severely disabled veterans may receive assistance to improve their ability to live independently.

# CHAPTER 31 RATES

## EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

### Monthly Rate of Subsistence Allowance

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>NO DEPENDENTS</u>	<u>ONE DEPENDENT</u>	<u>TWO DEPENDENTS</u>	<u>EACH ADDITIONAL DEPENDENT</u>
<b>Institutional</b>				
Full-time	\$474.27	\$588.30	\$693.25	\$50.54
Three quarter-time	\$356.36	\$441.86	\$518.31	\$38.86
Half-time	\$238.45	\$295.44	\$347.27	\$25.93
<b>Farm cooperative/ Apprenticeship/OJT</b>				
Full-time- <i>only</i>	\$414.67	\$501.46	\$577.92	\$37.59
<b>Extended evaluation/ Independent living</b>				
Full-time	\$474.27	\$588.30	\$693.25	\$50.54
Three quarter-time	\$356.36	\$441.86	\$518.31	\$38.86
Half-time	\$238.45	\$295.44	\$347.27	\$25.93
Quarter-time **	\$119.21	\$147.72	\$173.63	\$12.93
<b>Combination (Institutional &amp; OJT) - Full Time Only</b>				
Institutional greater - 1/2	\$474.27	\$588.30	\$693.25	\$50.54
OJT greater - 1/2	\$414.67	\$501.46	\$577.92	\$37.59
<b>Non-Pay Work/ Federal Agency</b>				
Full-time- <i>only</i>	\$474.27	\$588.30	\$693.25	\$50.54
Three Quarter-Time	\$356.36	\$441.86	\$518.31	\$38.86
Half-Time	\$238.45	\$295.44	\$347.27	\$25.93
<b>Non-Farm Cooperative Full-Time Only</b>				
Institutional	\$474.27	\$588.30	\$693.25	\$50.54
OJT	\$414.67	\$501.46	\$577.92	\$37.59

\*\* The quarter-time rate may be paid only during extended evaluation programs.

## **VEAP – ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 32)**

Benefit entitlement is 1 to 36 months depending on the number of monthly contributions. You may use these benefits for degree, certificate, correspondence, apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs, and vocational flight training programs.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

VEAP is available if you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this education benefit program. Your contributions are matched on a \$2 for \$1 basis by the Government. You have 10 years from your release from active duty to use VEAP benefits. If there is entitlement not used after the 10-year period, your portion remaining in the fund will be automatically refunded.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Entered service for the first time between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985;
- Opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987;
- Voluntarily contributed from \$25 to \$2700;
- Completed your first period of service; and
- Were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

If you are currently on active duty and wish to receive VEAP benefits, you must have at least 3 months of contributions available. Contributions may be withdrawn if you do not meet the basic eligibility requirements or if you formally request a refund of the contributions withheld.

## **CHAPTER 32 RATES**

**THERE ARE NO STANDARD MONETARY RATES FOR CHAPTER 32. THESE RATES ARE CALCULATED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.**

## **SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATION (CHAPTER 35)**

Dependents' Educational Assistance provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, refresher, high school courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

### **Eligibility Requirements**

You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the Armed Forces
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence
- A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power

If you are a son or daughter and wish to receive benefits for attending school or job training, you must be between the ages of 18 and 26. In certain instances, it is possible to begin before age 18 and to continue after age 26. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. If you are in the Armed Forces, you may not receive this benefit while on active duty. To pursue training after military service, your discharge must not be under dishonorable conditions. VA can extend your period of eligibility by the number of months and days equal to the time spent on active duty. This extension cannot generally go beyond your 31st birthday, there are some exceptions.

If you are a spouse, benefits end 10 years from the date VA finds you eligible or from the date of death of the veteran.

**CHAPTER 35 RATES**  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2004

<u>TYPE OF TRAINING</u>	<u>FULL-TIME</u>	<u>THREE QUARTER-TIME</u>	<u>HALF-TIME</u>
INSTITUTIONAL	\$803.00	\$603.00	\$401.00
LESS THAN HALF-TIME	Tuition and fees, not to exceed the rate of \$401.00 for less than half-time but more than one quarter-time and \$200.75 for one quarter-time.		
FARM COOPERATIVE	\$648.00	\$486.00	\$325.00
CORRESPONDENCE	Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$803.00 paid.		
APPRENTICESHIP/OJT	First 6 months, \$585.00; Second 6 months, \$438.00; Third 6 months, \$291.00; Remainder of Program, \$147.00		
FLIGHT	Not approved for this training.		

## VA WORK STUDY PROGRAM

If you're a full-time or 3/4-time student in a college degree program, or a vocational or professional program, you can "earn while you learn" with a VA work-study allowance.

The VA work-study allowance is available to persons training under; Montgomery GI Bill--Active Duty (Chapter 30), Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31), VEAP (Chapter 32), Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35), Montgomery GI Bill--Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606).

VA will select students for the work-study program based on different factors. Such factors include:

- Disability of the student
- Ability of the student to complete the work-study contract before the end of his or her eligibility to education benefits
- Job availability within normal commuting distance to the student
- VA will give the highest priority to a veteran who has a service-connected disability or disabilities rated by VA at 30% or more

The number of applicants selected will depend on the availability of VA-related work at your school or at VA facilities in your area.

You'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater. If you're in a work-study job at a college or university, your school may pay you the difference between the amount VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job as you.

You may elect to be paid in advance for 40 percent of the number of hours in your work-study agreement, or for 50 hours, whichever is less. After you've completed the hours covered by your first payment, VA will pay you each time you complete 50 hours of service.

You may work during or between periods of enrollment. You can arrange with VA to work any number of hours you want during your enrollment. But, the total number of hours you work can't be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period. Services you perform under a VA work-study program must be related to VA work. Examples of acceptable work are:

- Processing VA paperwork at schools or VA offices
- Performing outreach services under the supervision of a VA employee
- Performing services at VA medical facilities or the offices of the National Cemetery Administration

The work you actually do will depend on your interests and the type of work available.

To obtain information on other sources of assistance, contact the financial aid office at your school.



## BACKGROUND OF READJUSTMENT COUNSELING SERVICE

The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era vets were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. In April 1991, in response to the Persian Gulf War, Congress extended the eligibility to veterans who served during other periods of armed hostilities after the Vietnam era. Those other periods are identified as Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf and Somalia. In October 1996, Congress extended the eligibility to include WWII and Korean Combat Veterans. Authorization for Vet Centers to provide the full range of readjustment counseling to the veterans who served in Bosnia and Kosovo was approved in May 2000. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life.

### *Vet Center Values*

**Trauma Counseling** - To ensure the highest quality of counseling for posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms delivered in accessible community settings.

**Special Populations** - To reach out to disenfranchised and under-served veterans.

**Networking** - To establish working relationships with local, state, and federal organizations to assist veterans who are readjusting from military to civilian life.

**Wellness** - To promote wellness activities with veterans to help them reach quality health and life goals and diminish the need for more intensive health care.

**Leadership** - To serve as the leaders in provision of treatment and outreach for veterans suffering from war trauma and connect veterans to appropriate resources to compassionately heal that trauma.

**Management** - To provide a cost effective system of community based Vet Centers bringing services to eligible veterans.

**Transitional Assistance** - To assist transitioning military personnel with professional readjustment services.

# Vet Center



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## ***Vet Center Mission***



Vet Centers serve veterans and their families by providing a continuum of quality care that adds value for veterans, families, and communities. Care includes professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations, the brokering of services with community agencies, and provides a key access link between the veteran and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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### **The Vet Center provides:**

- ✓ Individual readjustment counseling
- ✓ Referral for benefits assistance
- ✓ Group readjustment counseling
- ✓ Liaison with community agencies
- ✓ Employment counseling, guidance and referral
- ✓ Marital and family counseling
- ✓ Substance abuse information and referral
- ✓ Sexual trauma counseling
- ✓ Community education



## **ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES**

War Zone Veterans - all eras, including:

World War II - three eligible categories European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (7 Dec 1941 - 8 Nov 1945), Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (7 Dec 1941 - 2 Mar 1946), or American Campaign Medal (7 Dec 1941 - 2 Mar 1946).

Korean War - 27 Jun 1950 - 27 Jul 1954 (eligible for the Korean Service Medal)

Vietnam War - 28 Feb 1961 - 7 May 1975

Vietnam Era Non Theater - 5 Aug 1964 - 7 May 1975

Lebanon - August 26, 1982, to February 26, 1984

Grenada - October 23, 1983, to November 21, 1983

Panama - December 20, 1989, to January 31, 1990

Persian Gulf - August 2, 1990 to present

Somalia - September 5, 1992 to present

Kosovo/Bosnia - November 20, 1995 to present

WWII Merchant Marines - December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945

Women and men of all eras who were sexually harassed or assaulted while on active duty.

## **PTSD**

Post Traumatic Stress is a normal set of reactions to a trauma such as war, which could be experienced by almost anyone. Sometimes, it becomes a Disorder (PTSD) with the passage of time when feelings or issues related to the trauma are not dealt with, but are suppressed by the individual. This can result in problems readjusting to community life following the trauma. A delayed stress reaction may surface after many years and include some or all of the following problems:

- anger, irritability, and rage
- feeling nervous
- depression
- difficulty trusting others
- feeling guilt over acts committed or witnessed, the failure to prevent certain events, or merely having survived while others did not.
- hyper alertness and startle reactions
- feeling grief or sadness
- having thoughts and memories that will not go away
- isolation and alienation from others
- loss of interest in pleasurable activities
- low tolerance to stress
- problems with authority
- problems feeling good about one self
- nightmares
- substance abuse
- trouble sleeping
- anxiety
- paranoia

## CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

Vet Center Staff respect the privacy of all veterans. We hold in the strictest confidence all information disclosed in the counseling process. No information will be released to any person or agency without written consent from the client, except in circumstances averting a crisis.

The Kenner Vet Center  
2200 Veterans Blvd. Suite 114  
Kenner, LA 70062  
Phone: 504-464-4743

The Shreveport Vet Center  
2800 Youree Dr. Bldg. 1,  
Suite 105  
Shreveport, LA 71104  
Phone: 318-861-1776



# **TRICARE SOUTH**

## **TRICARE for LA National Guard Soldiers and Family Members**

**(October 1, 2004)**

### **Know Your Program**

- Does TRICARE pay for anything and everything you want to have done? **NO**
- **IT HAS TO BE AN ENTITLEMENT BY LAW AND HAS TO MEET MEDICAL NECESSITY.**
- If TRICARE does not allow it as a benefit, then you are responsible for paying for the charges.

### **4 Categories of TRICARE**

- **Prime** – users close to military installation (50 mi); have the option to enroll
- **Prime Remote** – saves out of pocket costs; have the option to enroll
- **Standard** – priority use of existing providers; automatically enrolled
- **Extra** – use of network providers saves 5% of co-pay \$

### **TRICARE Eligibility**

- TRICARE benefits available during sponsor's active duty status
- Family members' benefits based on service member's length of active duty orders
  - All Orders for 30+ consecutive days or more
  - Effective first day of activation

### **First Step – Update DEERS**

- Imperative that personal information is current in DEERS
- Update any change in status, including change of address or name
- Activated reservists will review DEERS info during mobilization process
- DEERS reflects ineligible status until orders are final

### **How to Contact DEERS**

- 1-800-538-9552 (voice)
- 1-831-655-8317 (fax)
- <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSAddress> (web site)
- Or visit nearest military personnel office

### **Provider's Status**

- Seek care from a TRICARE “certified/authorized” provider or Gov't will not allow payment
- Three types of “certified providers”
  - “Non-participating” provider
  - “Participating” provider
  - “Network” provider

### **Non-Participating Provider**

- Can ask you to pay at time of visit
- Can ask you to file your own claim
- Reimbursement check is sent to you for you to pay provider; give provider check and copy of EOB (Explanation of Benefits)
- Does not accept what Tricare allows for payment
- Can collect 15% more than TRICARE allowable; Standard pays out of own pocket; Gov't pays for Prime
- Must sign a specific waiver to collect more than the extra 15% or must write-off

**Participating Provider**

- Normally does not ask for payment at time of visit
- Files the claim for you
- Reimbursement check is sent to the provider
- Accepts what Tricare allows for payment
- Has to write-off “non-covered” amount
- Must have a signed waiver to collect the rest of what Tricare does not pay

**Network Provider**

- If TRICARE Standard, you save 5% on your cost-share payment (15% vs. 20%)
- If PRIME, you are referred to this provider first before non-network
- Will file the claim for you
- Will accept what Tricare allows for payment

**TRICARE Prime**

- No co-payments, except for pharmacy
- Must complete enrollment process for TRICARE Prime
- No cost to enroll in Tricare Prime for AD dependents—
- Must obtain all routine care from your Primary Care Manager (PCM)
- All specialty care must be pre-authorized by the Tricare Service Center (TSC)

**TRICARE Prime Remote Benefits**

- Benefits similar to TRICARE Prime
- For AD members and families who reside and work 50 miles or more from an

**MTF**

- Determined by zip code
- No cost to enroll
- Dependents must show same address in DEERS in order for AD family member to qualify

**TRICARE Prime Remote Enrollment**

- Must complete enrollment form: by 20<sup>th</sup> of month for next month start
- Sponsor's unit and Home Address
- TPR POC toll-free at 1-800-444-5445

**TRICARE Prime Remote PCM Choice**

- Choose a Network Primary Care Manager (PCM) from an available listing; if you do not choose one—one will be assigned to you
- May change your PCM if more than one PCM is available in your area
- If a network PCM is not available, you may choose a “certified/authorized” Tricare provider
- Use PCM for all primary care

**TRICARE Prime Remote Specialty Care**

- If you need specialty care, your PCM seeks pre-authorization from the regional Health Care Finder
- If you must travel more than 100 miles one way to get this specialty care, you may qualify for the Travel Reimbursement Program; contact your TPR POC for more information

### **TRICARE Standard/Extra**

- Automatically enrolled with activation
- No premium payment
- Greater flexibility in provider choice
- Cost share:
  - 20% non-network
  - 15% network (Extra)
- Annual deductible is presently waived

### **TRICARE Standard/Extra Family Demonstration Project**

- Eliminates deductibles
- Implements 20% cost share for both participating and non-participating providers
- TRICARE pays up to 115% of allowable charge
- Patient will still save 5% on co-pay for a networked provider

### **Mental Health Benefits for Standard, Prime, Remote**

- May self-refer to NETWORK provider for urgent or non-emergency counseling
  - For first 8 visits only
  - Network provider responsible for/must have authorized Treatment Plan for 9(+) visits

If the person is Active Duty he/she must have a referral from their PCM. Only family members can go for the first 8 visits without a referral.

### **Pharmacy Benefits for Standard, Prime, Remote**

- MTF—No charge (must be in inventory)
- TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP)
  - 90-day supply; mailed to your home address
  - \$3 generic, \$9 brand-name
  - Use for “maintenance” prescriptions
- Network retail pharmacy
  - 30-day supply
  - \$3 generic, \$9 brand-name
- Non-network pharmacy
  - \$9 or 20%, whichever is higher; plus a deductible

### **Dental Benefits for Standard, Prime, Remote**

- No Government dental benefits unless you enroll in Tricare Dental Program
- Enrollment is voluntary; must fill out enrollment form – get from TSC, web site, or by mail
- Pay monthly premium
- Separate from the Tricare Medical program
- If you chose participating dentist, your cost-shares may be less and they file claim

### **Impact of Other Health Insurance**

Tricare Standard, Prime or Prime Remote

Impact on the Tricare payment if you keep Other Health Insurance (OHI) – Tricare pays second to OHI

Think twice before dropping it – understand coverage of each plan

### **POCs for TRICARE**

- HUMANA Military Healthcare 1-800-444-5445

### **Medical and Dental Claims**

#### **CLAIMS NOT PAID FOR MANY REASONS**

- Sponsor not DEERS eligible – Incorrect SSN for sponsor
- Member not eligible in DEERS: Military identification card expired; Name misspelled; other inaccurate data
- Wrong diagnosis code or wrong procedure code

### **Web Sites**

- <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>
- TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP)
  - <http://www.express-scripts.com>
- Tricare Dental Plan: <http://www.ucci.com>
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
  - <http://www.va.gov>

### **Key Questions for Providers**

- Are you a TRICARE authorized or certified provider?
- Do you participate and accept assignment?

## Directory of Services

Department of Veterans Affairs  
<http://www.vetaffairs.com>

### **Administrative Office**

1885 Wooddale Blvd.  
P.O. Box 94095, Cap. Sta.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9095  
225-922-0500

### **Claims Office**

P.O. Box 52438  
New Orleans, LA 70152

## VA Hospitals and Regional Offices

### **VA Medical Center Alexandria**

PO Box 69004  
Alexandria, LA 71306  
(318) 473-0010  
1-800-375-8387

### **VA Medical Center New Orleans**

1601 Perdido St.  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 568-0811  
1-800-743-1070

### **VA Medical Center Shreveport**

510 E. Stoner Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
(318) 221-8411  
1-800-863-7441

### **VA Regional Office**

701 Loyola Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70113  
1-800-827-1000



## Department of Labor

**What job protections are provided under USERRA?** - In October of 1994, the President signed the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). This law is the latest version of a series of statutes since the 1940's intended to give protection for civilian jobs to those individuals who serve their country in the Armed Forces. USERRA is administered by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) of the United States Department of Labor.

USERRA ensures that eligible persons, including members of the uniformed services, do not lose their jobs or employment benefits because of their military service.

A person who leaves a civilian job for the purpose of determining fitness for or performing service in the uniformed services, voluntarily or involuntarily, is entitled to return to his or her job if the eligibility criteria of USERRA are met.

- Give advance written or verbal notice of the service to the person's employer (exceptions exist).
- Not exceed a cumulative length of uniformed service of five years with any one employer (exceptions exist).
- Report to work or submit an application for reemployment to such employer within the required time frame.
- Be released from the military under conditions other than those listed in USERRA as disqualifying (applies to all types of service).

If the service period was longer than thirty days, and if the employer requests, the service member must provide documentation that shows the timeliness of the application, that the service limitations were not exceeded, and the character of service is not disqualifying. The employer cannot delay reemployment in the absence of this documentation.

## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

<u>ACADIA PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri	Alfred Legar 601 N. Parkeron Ave. Crowley, LA 70526	OFFICE: 337/788-7539 FAX 788-4987
<u>ALLEN PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 Tuesdays; 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays	Cecil Joubert 105 N. Fifth St. Oberlin, LA 70655	OFFICE: 337/639-4370 FAX 353-8416
<u>ASCENSION PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday  Thursdays 8:45 – 3:45	Donald R. Falcon Courthouse Annex, East Gonzales, LA Courthouse Building Donaldsonville, LA	OFFICE: 225/644-7475 FAX 647-6917  OFFICE: 225/474-2001
<u>ASSUMPTION PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Russell Rivere Courthouse Annex Napoleonville, LA 70390	OFFICE: 985/369-6335 FAX 369-6058
<u>AVOYELLES PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	312 N. Main St. Marksville, LA 71351	OFFICE: 318/253-9437 FAX 253-7996
<u>BEAUREGARD PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Wednesday	Robert Sparlin Courthouse Building DeRidder, LA 70634	OFFICE: 337/463-7305
<u>BIENVILLE PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:00 Tuesday & Thursday	David Thompson Courthouse, Rm. 122 Arcadia, LA 71001	OFFICE: 318/263-7419
<u>BOSSIER PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Albert Pumilio Harold Swanson 2292 Barksdale Blvd. Bossier City, LA 71112	OFFICE: 318/741-8391 FAX 741-7470
<u>CADDO PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Robert Petrus Larry Frazier 1237 Murphy ST. Shreveport, LA 71101	OFFICE: 318/676-7540 FAX 676-7555
<u>CALCASIEU PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Michael Palmer Robert Schuller Courthouse, ground floor Lake Charles, LA 70601	OFFICE: 337/491-2309 FAX 491-2374
<u>CALDWELL PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Kay Scott Courthouse, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Columbia, LA 71418	OFFICE: 318/649-2552 FAX 649-5930
<u>CAMERON PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays	Michael Palmer Courthouse Basement Cameron, LA 70631	OFFICE: 337/775-5553 FAX 532-5931
<u>CATAHOULA PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Thursdays	John Aymond City Hall Harrisonburg, LA 71340	OFFICE: 318/744-5005
<u>CLAIBOURNE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	David Thompson Police Jury Bldg. Homer, LA 71040	OFFICE: 318/927-3077 FAX 927-4809

<u>CONCORDIA PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	John Aymond Old City Hall Ferriday, LA 71334	OFFICE: 318/757-4952 FAX 757-7159
<u>DESOTO PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 Tuesday & Thursday	J. D. Thaxton Courthouse Mansfield, LA 71052	OFFICE: 318/872-4325 FAX 872-4325
<u>EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH</u>  8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Paul Doughty Billy Brewer 4560 North Blvd. Ste 116 Baton Rouge, LA 70806	OFFICE: 225/925-7268 FAX 925-7270
<u>EAST CARROLL PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Thursdays	Douglas Fautheree Old Courthouse Bldg. Lake Providence, LA 71254	OFFICE: 318/559-2353
<u>EVANGELINE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	Cecil Joubert 205 Court St., Ste. D Ville Platte, LA 70586	OFFICE: 337/363-3862 FAX 363-3866
<u>FRANKLIN PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Bobby Collins Courthouse, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Winnsboro, LA 71295	OFFICE: 318/435-2141 FAX 435-2141
<u>IBERIA PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Phillip Francis 121 West Pershing St. New Iberia, LA 70560	OFFICE: 337/373-0001 FAX 373-0088
<u>IBERVILLE PARISH</u> 8:45 – 3:45 Tuesday & Thursday	Russell Rivere Parish Ag. Bldg., Rm. 10 Plaquemine, LA 70764	OFFICE: 225/687-2714 FAX 685-0188
<u>JACKSON PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday & Thursday	Billy Fletcher 322 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Jonesboro, LA 71251	OFFICE: 318/259-2100
<u>JEFFERSON PARISH (EAST)</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	William Shoucair 6640 Riverside Dr., Ste. 210 Metairie, LA 70003	OFFICE: 504/838-4380 FAX 838-4382
<u>JEFFERSON PARISH (WEST)</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	David Holcombe 5001 West Bank Expressway Marrero, LA 70072	OFFICE: 504/349-5937 FAX 349-5939
<u>JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Donald Goodwin Fairgrounds Bldg. Jennings, LA 70546	OFFICE: 337/824-7301 FAX 824-1580
<u>LAFAYETTE PARISH</u>  8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Hugh Thompson Dewey Gauthier War Memorial Bldg. Lafayette, LA 70501	OFFICE: 337/262-5628 FAX 262-1225
<u>LAFOURCHE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Carle Blanchard 303 West Third St. Thibodaux, LA 70301	OFFICE: 985/447-0968 FAX 449-5104
<u>LASALLE PARISH</u> 8:45 – 3:45 Tuesday & Thursday	Kay Scott Courthouse, Rm. 21 Jena, LA 71342	OFFICE: 318/992-2259

<u>LINCOLN PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	John Tettleton 307 Homer St., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Ruston, LA 71270	OFFICE: 318/251-4142 FAX 251-4172
<u>LIVINGSTON PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Thursday	Carrie Morgan 29840 S. Magnolia Livingston, LA 70754	OFFICE: 225/686-2336 FAX 686-1290
<u>MADISON PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri	Douglas Fautheree 402 E. Green St. Tallulah, LA 71282	OFFICE: 318/574-3870 FAX 574-8786
<u>MOREHOUSE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Gary Haas N. Franklin & E. Pine St. Bastrop, LA 71220	OFFICE: 318/283-0841 FAX 283-0891
<u>NATCHITOCHES PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Mon-Wed-Thur-Fri	Michael Richardson 203 St. Denis St. Natchitoches, LA 71457	OFFICE: 318/357-3106 FAX 357-2428
<u>ORLEANS PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Lloyd St. Martin 1340 Poydras St. Ste. 835 New Orleans, LA 70112	OFFICE: 504/568-8547 FAX 568-7564
<u>OUACHITA PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Robert Sims Randall Gilley 704 Cypress St West Monroe, LA 71291	OFFICE: 318/362-5137 FAX 362-3088
<u>PLAQUEMINES PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 Wednesday	Ted McNeel Parish Government Bldg. Port Sulphur, LA 70083	OFFICE: 985/564-2761 Ext. 4418
<u>POINTE COUPEE PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 Thursday & Friday	Michael Eby 206 Court St. New Roads, LA 70760	OFFICE: 225/638-5535 FAX 638-5964
<u>RAPIDES PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Michael Juneau Thomas Lindsay 730 Washington St. Alexandria, LA 71301	OFFICE: 318/487-5743 FAX 484-2238
<u>RED RIVER PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday	Michael Richardson Courthouse Annex Coushatta, LA 71019	OFFICE: 318/932-4911
<u>RICHLAND PARISH</u> 8:00 – 3:30 Tuesday & Thursday	Bobby Collins Courthouse Basement Rayville, LA 71269	OFFICE: 318/728-2472
<u>SABINE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	J. D. Thaxton Courthouse, 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Many, LA 71449	OFFICE: 318/256-4131 FAX 256-4131
<u>ST. BERNARD PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri	Ted McNeel 8201 W. Judge Perez Dr. Chalmette, LA 70043	OFFICE: 504/278-4332 FAX 278-4335
<u>ST. CHARLES PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday & Thursday	Philip Cambre Courthouse, Rm. 276 Hahnville, LA 70057	OFFICE: 985/783-2221 FAX 425-2791

<u>ST. HELENA PARISH</u> 8:45 – 3:45 Friday	Carrie Morgan Courthouse Square Greensburg, LA 70441	OFFICE: 225/222-6202
<u>ST. JAMES PARISH</u> 9:30 – 3:30 Tuesday	Donald Falcon 2430 Louisiana Ave. Luthcer, LA 70071	OFFICE: 225/869-3643
<u>ST. JOHN PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday-Wednesday-Friday	Philip Cambre 102 E. Airline Hwy. LaPlace, LA 70068	OFFICE: 985/652-5104 FAX 652-8112
<u>ST. LANDRY PARISH</u>  8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Janice Brown Brian Martin 527 E. Prudhomme St., Ste. 4 Opelousas, LA 70570	OFFICE: 337/948-0238 FAX 948-0375
<u>ST. MARTIN PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday & Thursday	Phillip Francis 101 Berard Street Breaux Bridge, LA 70517	OFFICE: 337/332-8316 FAX 507-3286
<u>ST. MARY PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Joseph Veeder Courthouse Rm. 102 Franklin, LA 70538	OFFICE: 337/828-5047 FAX 828-7099
<u>ST TAMMANY PARISH (WEST)</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	John Clarke Old Courthouse Covington, LA 70433	OFFICE: 985/893-6201 FAX 893-6299
<u>ST TAMMANY PARISH (EAST)</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Rolf Klingenberg 520 Old Spanish Trail Slidell, LA 70458	OFFICE: 985/645-3500 FAX 645-3528
<u>TANGIPAHOA PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Paul Arvello 411 W. Coleman Ave. Hammond, LA 70401	OFFICE: 985/542-3498 FAX 543-4030
<u>TENSAS PARISH</u> 9:00 – 3:30 Tuesday	John Aymond Police Jury Bldg. St. Joseph, LA 71366	OFFICE: 318/766-3542
<u>TERREBONNE PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Murphy Duplantis Parish Government Towers Houma, LA 70360	OFFICE: 985/857-3626 FAX 857-3783
<u>UNION PARISH</u> 8:30 – 4:00 Tuesday & Thursday	John Tettleton Courthouse Annex Farmerville, LA 71241	OFFICE: 318/368-3271 FAX 368-1330
<u>VERMILION PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	John Hansen 407 Charity St. Abbeville, LA 70510	OFFICE: 337/893-2072 FAX 893-5620
<u>VERNON PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri	Robert Sparlin Courthouse Square Leesville, LA 71446	OFFICE: 337/238-6401 FAX 238-7021
<u>WASHINGTON PARISH</u> 8:00 – 4:30 Monday – Friday	Ernest Miller City Hall Bldg. Bogalusa, LA 70429	OFFICE: 985/732-6607 FAX 732-6695

**WEBSTER PARISH**

8:00 – 4:30

Monday – Friday

Charles Jackson

119 Pine St.

Minden, LA 71055

OFFICE: 318/371-3045

FAX 371-3331

**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

8:00 – 4:30

Friday

Paul Doughty

Courthouse Annex

Port Allen, LA 70767

OFFICE: 225/342-6686

**WEST CARROLL PARISH**

8:30 – 4:00

Tuesday &amp; Thursday

Gary Haas

706 East Main St.

Oak Grove, LA 71263

OFFICE: 318/428-2671

FAX 428-9767

**WINN PARISH**

8:00 – 4:30

Monday-Wednesday-Friday

Billy Fletcher

Courthouse

Winnfield, LA 71483

OFFICE: 318/628-4584

FAX 628-2508

**LOUISIANA WAR VETERAN HOMES****LOUISIANA WAR VETERANS' HOME**

8:00 – 4:30

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday

Mike Eby

4739 Hwy. 10

Jackson, LA 70748

OFFICE: 225/634-5265

FAX 342-6022

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA WAR VETERANS HOME**

Gary Fontenot

6700 Hwy. 165 North

Monroe, LA 71203

OFFICE: 318/362-4206

FAX 362-4241

**SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA WAR VETERANS HOME**

Donald Falcon

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